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TAGS: PARM, UNGA  
SUBJECT: DELEGATION COMMENTS ON US SPEECH AND NEXT STEPS

1. DURING MAY 25 SSOD DELEGATION MEETING, THERE WAS A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE REACTIONS TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S SPEECH AND FOLLOW-ON US ACTIVITY. FOLLOWING ARE THE VIEWS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND PUBLIC MEMBERS.

2. SENATOR PERCY FELT THAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY HAD BEEN MISSED TO EMPHASIZE OUR SUPPORT FOR NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS. NON-PROLIFERATION HAD THE UNITED SUPPORT OF THE CONGRESS AND OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED AS A PRIMARY FOCUS OF US EFFORTS AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. HE HOPED THAT THE US WOULD TAKE A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND STRESS ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY. IT WAS THEN NOTED THAT THE DELEGATION NEEDS TO DECIDE THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS MEANS OF ANNOUNCING AND PUBLICIZING THE US INITIATIVES ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR COOPERATION THAT WERE REFERRED TO IN THE US SPEECH. PERCY STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT ADDRESSING THE SESSION BEFORE IT ENDS. THE DELEGATION HAS THE POTENTIAL AND SHOULD BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY ON CREATIVE AND  
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POSITIVE APPROACHES BEFITTING THE PRESIDENTS ADDRESS.

3. SENATOR MCGOVERN THOUGHT THAT THE SPEECH WAS NOT HELPFUL IN BUILDING UP DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR FURTHER DISARMAMENT EFFORTS. HE FELT THAT THE RELATIVELY HARD-LINE APPROACH REFLECTED IN THE SPEECH WOULD NOT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE VIEWS OF SENATORS LEANING AGAINST THE

SALT II AGREEMENT. RATHER, IT WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR FURTHER ARMS CONTROL EFFORTS SINCE WE HAD EMPHASIZED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE STRENGTHENING THEIR MILITARY MIGHT, E.G., IN TANKS. CONG. SIMON SPOKE ALONG SIMILAR LINES. HE HOPED THAT MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE DECISION MAKERS IN WASHINGTON OF THE NEED TO TAKE A MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON THE SSOD.

4. MR. WILLENS, REFLECTING THE VIEWS OF THE SPECIAL ADVISERS PRESENT, SAID THAT THE SPEECH WAS NOT USEFUL IN BUILDING DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR MOVEMENT TOWARDS DISARMAMENT. STATEMENTS BY THE ADMINISTRATION WHICH EMPHASIZE OUR RELATIVE STRENGTH AND THE NEED FOR US TO TAKE THE LEAD TOWARD CONTROL OF THE ARMS RACE, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD BE USEFUL IN BUILDING SUCH SUPPORT.

5. DELEGATION MEMBERS WHOSE VIEWS ARE CITED CONCUR IN THIS MESSAGE. YOUNG

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